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### LETTER

In response to the Notice To File Missing Parts of Application mailed 02/14/2001, enclosed herewith is a Declaration executed by the inventors, whose signatures did not appear on the Declaration as originally filed.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any fees, including fees under 37 CFR 1.16(e), to Deposit Account 09-0465. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed along with a copy of the Notice.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box Missing Parts, Washington, D.C. 20231, on

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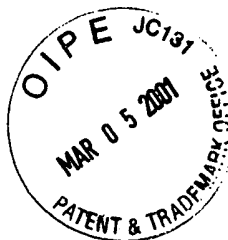


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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:  
*Sue Sandra Kelling*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

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